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From an article on "Meeting of the Southern California Medical Society, Held at Redlands, December 2 and 3, 1903" (reported by H. P. Hill, M. D.):

. . . President John C. King of Banning called the meeting to order and introduced Dr. T. M. Blythe, president of the local society, who delivered a short address of welcome. . . .

. . . A banquet was tendered the association by the Redlands Medical Society in the evening. D. C. A. Sanborn of Redlands introduced Dr. Fitch Mattison, who acted as toastmaster, and a very pleasant evening ended the thirty-second regular semiannual meeting of the Southern California Medical Society. . . .

Other Society Meetings.—Alameda County. Meeting called to order at 8:30 p. m., Tuesday, December 8, Doctor Hamlin presiding.

The first paper was read by Dr. F. L. Adams, the subject being "Surgical Treatment of Perineal Lacerations." . . .

Alumni Association Medical Department University of California.—The Alumni Association of the medical department of the University of California held a special meeting on December 1, 1903, Dr. George E. Ebright presiding.

Fresno County.—It becoming known that the Board of Examiners was without funds to defend itself in the suits brought by Doctor Hodghead and others to have the board ousted, it was unanimously carried that the sum of \$50 be contributed by the Fresno County Medical Society for the purpose of assisting in defraying a part of the expense of defense. . . .

Los Angeles County.—Dr. LeMoyné Wills moved that \$200 be sent to San Francisco as this county medical association's contribution to the "Medical Defense" fund, to be used in defending suits brought against the Board of Examiners. It was seconded and carried.

The following letter was received:

Pasadena, Cal., November 10, 1903.

To the Los Angeles County Medical Association,
Greeting:

At a meeting of the Pasadena Medical Society, held this evening, it was voted unanimously that we adopt the Constitution and By-Laws of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and become the "Pasadena Branch" of the same association. Charles D. Lockwood, President. J. E. Janes, Secretary. . . .

Monterey County.—Organized December 9, 1903. . . This is the eighth county society that has been organized through the efforts of the trustees, or rather, through the work of the editor, at the request of the other members of the Board of Trustees. In every case it has been found that the physicians of the counties were desirous of having county organizations, but doubted the possibility of perfecting and maintaining an organization. . . .

Sacramento County.—The Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement met in regular session at the office of Dr. H. H. Look on November 24. Dr. H. L. Nichols occupied the chair during the first part of the meeting, and later Doctor Ross, the president, presided. . . .

. . . The society then indulged in a free discussion of vaccination and kindred subjects suggested by the present smallpox epidemic.

Dr. J. H. Parkinson said that as physicians we should impress upon the public that quarantine and

disinfection are only secondary matters, and that the proper method of dealing with smallpox is by vaccination. We know positively and absolutely that the disease can be prevented by thorough vaccination, that the preventive measure is harmless, and that we should earnestly impress this upon the people. . . .

. . . Dr. W. J. Hanna said that while in the Philippines he had charge of several divisions of the troops as a medical officer, and that the orders were that all soldiers should be properly vaccinated. In Cavite, where such precautions were not taken, smallpox existed to a large extent, but in the army there was hardly a case. He believed careful precautions should be taken in vaccinating, so that no complications should arise that could be prevented, and in this manner the people would favor vaccination rather than antagonize it. . . .

Santa Cruz County.—Organized December 22, 1903. In response to a call sent out by the organizer appointed by the Board of Trustees, the following physicians of Santa Cruz, at 8 p. m. on the 22d of December, and by motion requested affiliation with the state society: Doctors Bush, Christal, McGuire, Hedgpath, Pope, Phillips, Priestley, Vaux, and Watters. . . .

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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Secretary of the Board

News Items, January, 1929

Dr. Charles F. Applegate, prominent nerve specialist, with offices in the Pacific Mutual Building, today was arrested on a charge of illegal possession and sale of narcotics in violation of the State Drug Act, the police reported. Doctor Applegate, who is sixty-three years of age, sold \$7 worth of morphin to a police operative, according to R. H. Dundas, special agent of the State Pharmacy Board, who directed the Police Narcotic Squad in the investigation.—*Los Angeles Herald*, November 19, 1928.

We understand steps are being taken to pass a measure at the coming legislature for the purpose of issuing licenses to those who join the "California State Advanced Therapists," which filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State November 22, 1928, among its objects being "to establish high standards of ethics of mutual protection . . . to put forth an honest endeavor to establish legal rights for advanced therapists," the principal place of business being in San Francisco.

Dr. Percy Purviance, head of the Berkeley Chiropractic College, announced here today that a motion for a new trial in the suit which resulted in the cancellation of the franchise of the college will be filed in the Oakland Superior Court. The franchise was ordered canceled on November 28 by Judge J. J. Trabucco on petition of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The board charged in its complaint that the Berkeley Chiropractic College had granted diplomas to persons wholly unqualified to receive them. Doctor Purviance claimed that the order issued on November 28 was in direct violation of a permanent injunction issued on March 16, 1926, in the San Francisco Superior Court.—*Berkeley Gazette*, December 6, 1928.

In the list of forty-four graduates of medical schools from all parts of the world who successfully passed the October, 1928, written examination given by the

Board of Medical Examiners, the highest mark was obtained by Dorothy Johann Starks of Stanford University Medical School, who made the general average of 92 7/9 per cent.

"Guilty of manslaughter" was the verdict returned last night by a jury after deliberation for more than six hours in Superior Judge Aggeler's court against Dr. Frank L. Burleigh, Burbank physician, charged with the murder of his janitor, Jack Stachell, on October 17 last. The sentence of from one to ten years in the state penitentiary will be pronounced Friday morning at 9:30 by Judge Aggeler. . . . Burleigh was given several tests following the slaying to determine whether he was unbalanced mentally or intoxicated, and doctors reported that he had been under the influence of liquor.—*Los Angeles Times*, December 5, 1928. (Previous entry, September, 1926.)

"Under the California law a corporation cannot practice dentistry. Under this ruling made yesterday by Attorney-General U. S. Webb, the State Corporation Department will deny an application from Doctor 'Painless' Parker of San Francisco for a financial reorganization of his system. Attorney-General Webb's ruling was made in response to a request by Corporation Commissioner J. M. Friedlander. Pending before Friedlander is a request from the Parker Dental System Company, a Delaware corporation, for authority to sell fifteen thousand shares of stock to holders of the Associated Dental Supply Company owned by Mrs. Frances E. Parker, two dentists, and to the public at large. Mrs. Parker is the wife of 'Painless' Parker. Except for two qualifying shares she owns the Associated Dental Supply Company, a California corporation, outright. This Delaware corporation would license dentists to operate under the Parker system. . . . Mrs. Parker, through her stock holdings, would be the manager of the corporation; but the California law says that none but a licensed dentist may practice dentistry or manage a dental office. Mrs. Parker is not a licensed dentist and neither is the corporation. . . ." This opinion is of interest in view of the frequent contention that corporations cannot practice medicine. (See "News Items," November, 1926, and April, 1928.)

According to news item printed in the *San Francisco Chronicle* of November 27, 1928, Governor Young named Dr. C. A. Herrick of San Francisco and Dr. John M. Blodgett of Lodi as members of the State Board of Dental Examiners. Both of these dentists have served for many years on the dental board.

Further investigation of J. Jaques Fabian, mentioned in "News Items," discloses that said individual was reported to have died many years ago in the East and hence our interest is aroused in the individual who recently was reported as holding the Northwestern University Medical School diploma issued J. Jaques Fabian in 1907.

Charging that her erstwhile guardian mismanaged her estate during the term of his office, Mrs. Ernestine Engelhardt, aged Oakland widow, filed suit in Superior Court yesterday seeking a final accounting of the property (*San Francisco Examiner*, December 13, 1928). (Prior reference, "News Items," October and December, 1927; January and May, 1928.)

Trial of Dr. Edward C. Fortin, charged with violation of the state chiropractic law, by advertising himself as a physician and failing to add the letters "D.C.," will be set tomorrow in Municipal Judge Sheldon's court. Complaint against the physician, whose offices are in the Loew State Building, was sworn out by Bert Humason, special agent of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Humason said Doctor Fortin's license permitted him to practice

only as a chiropractor while the physician actually was operating in extended medical lines.—*Los Angeles Express*, November 21, 1928.

According to report, Rose Guaranga, midwife, Oakland, on November 27, 1928, pleaded guilty to a violation of the Medical Practice Act and was placed on probation until May 15, 1929.

Dr. Ottoman Zar Adusht Hannish, self-styled "Blessed Master" of a cult of asserted Sun Worshipers, was being questioned by police today regarding the disappearance of Mrs. Hedwig Arens, a member of the sect. (Press dispatch dated Los Angeles, November 9, printed in the *San Francisco Call* of the same date.) (Previous entry, June, 1928.)

Lee Shi Kim, local Chinese doctor, is shy \$250 as a result of his arrest yesterday by Inspector R. M. Noble of the State Board of Medical Examiners on the charge of practicing medicine without a license.—*Salinas Index*, November 16, 1928.

In a news dispatch dated Kansas City, Missouri, December 7, printed in the *San Francisco Call* of the same date, was related: "Suspension from the Missouri State Medical Society of Dr. A. L. Skoog, widely known psychiatrist, was sustained in a report made public here today by the Board of Censors of the Jackson County Medical Society. Doctor Skoog was banned because of his defense testimony in the William Edward Hickman case in Los Angeles."

Dr. Ramon Tjarks, sixty-two, chiropractor, held a belated Armistice Day celebration by himself yesterday. It may have been that business was dull and he was merely trying to keep in practice. . . . The chiropractor's office showed evidence of having met with foul play. . . . Failing to kick in the door of Sacred Heart Church at Fell and Fillmore streets, Doctor Tjarks contented himself with smashing a window. From then on it was a contest for supremacy between chiropractic and jiu jitsu as practiced by the San Francisco police. Jiu jitsu won, and Doctor Tjarks was booked on charges of malicious mischief and being intoxicated in a public place.—*San Francisco Chronicle*, November 15, 1928.

Notice was served on the secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners that on November 27, 1928, the action of the board revoking the license of Clayton E. Wheeler was set aside by the Superior Court in San Francisco and notice of appeal was filed.

According to reports, Iwachika Yamamoto pleaded guilty on November 22 in Los Angeles to a charge of violation of the Medical Practice Act and paid a fine of \$100.

The District Court of Appeal of California, First District, Division 1, in affirming a judgment of non-suit in the instance of a corporation conducting a department store, who employed the services of a chiropodist, said chiropodist in connection with his professional duties in said store having been involved in a suit for damages, held in a decision (261 Pacific Reporter, 328) that a corporation could not practice through a licensed person. This apparently is another decision to be added to the list holding that corporations cannot practice.

Mosquito Extermination in Mediterranean.—The Health Committee of the League of Nations has decided to start a mosquito survey of the Mediterranean countries and to begin a battle of extermination against the mosquito which transmits dengue to human beings. There have recently been more than 850,000 cases of dengue fever in Greece, with 1372 deaths.—*Medical J. and Record*.